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March 10, 2016

The Honorable Debbie Dingell
U.S. House of Representatives
116 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Dingell:

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The Honorable Lloyd Doggett
U.S. House of Representatives
2307 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
239 Cannon House Office Building
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The Honorable Tammy Duckworth
U.S. House of Representatives
104 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congresswoman Duckworth:

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U.S. House of Representatives
2445 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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2462 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
241 Cannon House Office Building
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405 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
1126 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2301 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
1037 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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U.S. House of Representatives
2344 Rayburn House Office Building
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U.S. House of Representatives
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